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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 17, 2003.

Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 33-57) for prosecution in the instant application. The traversal is on the grounds that sufficient reasons and/or examples to justify a Restriction Requirement have not been provided. Accordingly, it is requested that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn and that all the claims be examined. Therefore, all of the claims can be readily and properly examined together and need not be restricted into two groups.

Further, the Examiner has divided Group I into several species. Applicants respectfully traverse the species election requirement. Searching the species together would present no undue burden on the Examiner.

The Examiner has required Applicant to select among species of enzyme if Group I is chosen. In the event that the Examiner maintains the species election requirement, Applicants elect protease as a species of enzyme. Applicants submit that searching several enzymes in a

method such as that claimed generally presents no undue burden on the Examiner. The several enzymes share a common utility.

Applicants note that the species election has no effect if a generic claim is found allowable.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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